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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, MR SCHMID IS SUBMITTING  
FOLLOWING REPORT ON "PROGRESS IN ENERGY CONSERVATION  
AREAS TARGETTED FOR POSSIBLE IEA COORDINATED POLICIES  
AS OUTLINED IN IEA/GB(77)20:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: ENERGY CONSERVATION IN INDUSTRY:  
(IEA/SLT (77) 73 AND IEA SLT (77) 81): A MEETING  
OF EXPERTS ON THIS SUBJECT WAS HELD ON MAY 5-6, 1977.  
THE REPORT OF THIS MEETING (IEA/SLT (77)81) WAS DIS-  
CUSSED BY THE SUB-GROUP ON ENERGY CONSERVATION ON  
JULY 12/13. THE SUB-GROUP NOTED THAT THE EXPERTS'  
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MEETING PROVIDED SOME INTERESTING RESULTS BY  
IDENTIFYING EXISTING ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES  
AND THE MAIN CONSTRAINTS FOR REALIZING THE  
INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION POTENTIAL. HOWEVER,  
THE DISCUSSION IN THE SUBM-GROUP REVEALED THAT  
THE EXISTING REPORT WOULD NEED FURTHER ELABORATION  
IF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO BE MADE TO MEMBER

COUNTRIES AND IF THE REPORT IS EVENTUALLY TO BE PUBLISHED. THEREFORE, THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO ANOTHER 3-DAY MEETING OF EXPERTS TOWARD THE END OF THE YEAR. THE FIRST DAY WILL BE AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT ENERGY AUDITING AND REPORTING, WHILE THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS WILL BE RESERVED TO DISCUSS INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION IN GENERAL, AND INDUSTRIAL CONSERVATION POLICY IN PARTICULAR. THE SUB-GROUP WILL THEN DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING AND SUBMIT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SLT FOR CONSIDERATION. IT WAS NOTED THAT SOME OF THE MAJOR MEMBER COUNTRIES DID EITHER NOT PARTICIPATE AT THE PAST EXPERTS' MEETING OR WERE REPRESENTED BY DELEGATES FROM THE PERMANENT OECD DELEGATION. IF WE DO EXPECT TO GET SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FROM THE NEXT MEETING, IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL THAT ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE BY SENDING EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION.

3. DISTRICT HEATING AND COMBINED PRODUCTION OF HEAT AND POWER (IEA/SLT (77)90): A MEETING OF EXPERTS OF 12 COUNTRIES WAS HELD ON MARCH 24-25, 1977. ON JULY 12, 1977 THE SUB-GROUP TOOK NOTE OF A REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPERTS' MEETING. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE POTENTIAL FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION AND FOR OIL SUBSTITUTION, AND THEREFORE INTEREST

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IN THIS SUBJECT, VARIES CONSIDERABLY AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF DIFFERENT CLIMATE AND URBAN STRUCTURES. IT THEREFORE SEEMS UNLIKELY, AT THIS POINT OF TIME, TO START AN EXTENSIVE COOPERATION WITHIN IEA TO PROMOTE DISTRICT HEATING. FOR THE MAJORITY OF MEMBER COUNTRIES, DISTRICT HEATING WITH COMBINED PRODUCTION OF POWER AND HEAT PROVIDES, HOWEVER, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POSSIBILITIES TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND TO SUBSTITUTE OIL BY COAL OR NUCLEAR. THE SUB-GROUP THEREFORE AGREED TO PURSUE THE WORK IN THIS AREA. AS A NEXT STEP, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY THE POTENTIAL FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION AND FOR OIL SUBSTITUTION BY DISTRICT HEATING AND COMBINED PRODUCTION OF HEAT AND POWER AND TO EXCHANGE INFO ON POLICY MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN TO REMOVE CONSTRAINTS AND TO PROMOTE DISTRICT HEATING. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT CASE STUDIES ON SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT HEATING PROJECTS OR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH PARTICULAR PROJECTS. BASED ON THIS INFO AND ON THE REPLIES TO THE SLT QUESTIONNAIRE, THE SUB-GROUP WILL DECIDE ON FURTHER ACTIONS AT ITS NEXT MEETING IN OCT.

4. BUILDING CODES AND RETROFITTING (IEA/SLT (76)81):  
THE RESULTS OF REPLIES TO A QUESTIONNAIRE, WHICH HAS  
BEEN ISSUED ON THE SUBJECT OF COSTS AND SAVINGS OF  
ENERGY CONSERVATION IN THE BUILDING SECTOR, HAS BEEN  
DISCUSSED BY THE SUB-GRUP ON JULY 12-13. IT WAS  
NOTED, FIRST THAT THERE ARE WIDE DISCREPANCIES IN  
THESE RESULTS, PROBABLY DUE TO INCONSISTENCIES  
BETWEEN COUNTRIES IN THE DATA OR APPROACH THAT HAS  
BEEN USED, AND SECOND, THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES STILL  
HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A REPLY TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE.  
THE SUB-GRUP AGREED THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT  
AREA FOR IEA AND WORK SHOULD BE PURSUED. THEREFORE,  
DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE  
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IEA/SLT (76)81 ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT, IN ORDER TO  
REMOVE THE INCONSISTENCIES, DELEGATIONS ARE REQUESTED  
TO ANSWER INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS BY THE SECRETARIATE NO  
LATER THAN SEPT 15. IT IS THE SUB-GROUP'S  
INTENTION TO SHOW WHAT KIND OF CONSERVATION MEASURES  
IN THE BUILDING SECTOR PROVE TO BE ECONOMIC, AND  
WHAT MEASURES NEED ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL OR FISCAL  
INCENTIVES FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. IF SUCCESSFUL,  
THE APPROACH SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHER SECTORS.

5. ENERGY SAVING IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR: AT ITS  
MEETING IN MARCH, THE SUB-GROUP DECIDED THAT THE  
TRANSPORT SECTOR SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A  
PRIORITY AREA OF WORK FOR THE SUB-GRUP, AS THIS  
SECTOR HAS BEEN DEALT WITH IN DETAIL AT THE 1976  
CONSERVATION REVIEW.

6. ANALYSIS OF UTILITY RATE STRUCTURES (IEA/SLT  
(77) 87): AT ITS MEETING OF MARCH 28-19, THE SUB-  
GROUP DECIDED TO START WORKING IN THIS FIELD. A  
REPORT BY THE SECRETARIATE (IEA/SLT (77) 87) WAS  
DISCUSSED ON JULY 12-13 AND THE RECOMMENDED WORK  
SCHEDULE WAS ACCEPTED. DELEGATIONS ARE INVITED TO  
SUBMIT BACKGROUND INFO ON EXISTING RATE  
STRUCTURES BY SEPT 15. OF SPECIAL INTEREST  
WILL BE INFO ON EXPERIENCE FROM THOSE COUNTRIES  
THAT ALREADY HAVE INTRODUCED PROGRESSIVE RATE  
STRUCTURES, SUCH AS ITALY, JAPAN AND NEW ZEALAND.  
BASED ON THIS INFO, THE SECRETARIATE WILL  
SUBMIT A BACKGROUND PAPER FOR DISCUSSION IN THE  
SUB-GRUP AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

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7. EVALUATION OF ENERGY DEMAND FORECASTS (IEA/SLT (77)88): THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SLT SUGGESTED, IN HIS NOTE IEA/SLT (77) 63, THAT THE SUB-GROUP ON CONSERVATION RE-EXAMINE THE ANALYTICAL METHODOLOGY TO EVALUATE ENERGY DEMAND FORECASTS, IN ORDER TO MAKE THE 1977 SLT REVIEW IN THIS FIELD MORE RIGOROUS. AT ITS MEETING OF JULY 12-13, 1977, THE SUB-GROUP HAD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT, BASED ON A PAPER BY THE US DELEGATION (IEA/SLT (77)88) AND A CHAIRMAN'S NOTE (MEETING ROOM PAPER NO 4). IT WAS AGREED THAT, ON THE BASIS OF THESE DOCUMENTS AND OF THE SUB-GROUP'S DISCUSSION, THE SECRETARIATE WOULD SUBMIT A PAPER TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUBM-GROUP, WHICH WOULD THEN RECOMMEND A PROCEDURE TO THE SLT FOR EVALUATING MEMBER COUNTRY DEMAND FORECASTS.

8. HISTORICAL CONSERVATION RESULTS (IEA/SLT (77)89): SO FAR, OUR EFFORTS TO SEPARATE THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC RECESSIONS ON HISTORICAL ENERGY DEMAND FROM EFFECTS OF CONSERVATION MEASURES HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. THE SUBM-GROUP DISCUSSED A SECRETARIATE PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT AT ITS MEETING OF JULY 12-13. IT WAS AGREED THAT, BASED ON THIS INFO AND ON ADDITIONAL RESEARCH, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE, AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP TO ESTABLISH A TOOL WHICH WOULD BE RECOMMENDED TO THE SLT FOR THE 1977 REVIEWS TO ASSESS 1976 CONSERVATION EFFECTS. END QUOTE.  
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